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DEVICE TO FACILITATE THE

DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE

VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS

FOR MEDIUM/LARGE CORPORATE

NETWORKS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion begin on page 10 of this paper.

STATUS PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-13 and 15 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 11 and 13-15 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Liu et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0120295).

Claims 2 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. in view of Makineni et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0066036).

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. in view of Chowdhury et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0106393).

Claims 6, 7, 9-11 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. in view of Leung et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0224788).